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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1652

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John Smit **Examiner:** D. J. Steadman
Serial No.: 09/743,731 **Art Unit:** 1652
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PRODUCED RECOMBINANT
FUSION PROTEINS **Dated:** January 27, 2005

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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